NATIONAL GEOLOGY.

THE NEW HOME OF THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

Origin and History of the Present Bureau The Varied and Important Werk in Which It has been Engaged for the Past Five

The United States geological survey, which formerly occupied rooms partly in he Swithsonian institution, partly in tion National causeum, and also in some reated buildings, has recently moved into the new Hose building, on F, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets northwest, where it has found accommodations and comfortable quarters. The building is probably one of the best constructed in the city, with a handsome iron front, and is probably more nearly

fireproof than any other private building in the district. It has a frontage of 70 feet and a depth of 160 feet, and in the portion occupied by the survey, which commences with the second story, there are about seventy-five rooms. The needs and work of the survey have increased so rapidly during the past few years that even this number of rooms is insufficient to contain the whole force, and the laboratories, the chemists, the physicists and paleontologists still remain in t-o

national museum. So perfectly is the survey now system So periodity is the survey new system-sliged that the removal of the entire force, the office furniture, the large librar, the numerous maps, the photographi depar-ment, and all the various specimens and material which have been collected was accomplished without any special incor-venience, and the work of arranging the force and material in the new quarters is

force and material in the new quarters is rapidly being completed.

"I feel now," said Maj. Powell, the director of the survey, yesterday, "that I can have some degree of comfort. Heretofore I have been compelled to have three or four desks beside my own in my room, because we were so cramped for space. Now I have secured a room entirely for myself and although it is not large it is one that I can call my own."

Just across the hall from the major's office is the library, which contains about 25,000 volumes, and of which Maj. Powell is justly proud. "It is not perhaps, the best library in the world," said he, "but I can assure you that it is the best goolog-

best library in the world," said ho, "out can assure you that it is the best goological library in the whole world." The books are carefully arranged and classified as to scientific subjects, and new works are being added as rapidly as they appear. Mr. C. C. Darwin, the librarian, is a gentleman of fine acquirements, and and his assistants take a pride in the

he and his assistants take a pride in the work they perform.

Opening out from the major's room to the east is the office of the chief clerk, Mr. James C. Pilling, through whose hands passes all the official correspondnancs passes all the ometa: correspondence of the survey, which is very great, as, in addition to the ordinary correspondence with the various parties in the field and with other branches of the government, there are constant inquiries from scientists and scientific bedies, not from scientists and scientific bodies, not only in this country, but from Europe. Beyond Mr. Pilling's room is that of Mr. J. Stanley Brown, his assistant, and load-ing from this is that of Mr. John D. McChesney, the chief disbursing officer of the survey, whose force is kept constantly busy, for not only are the accounts of the offices here to be regularly kept, but the disbursements of the field parties all over the country must be finally sudited by

disbursements of the field parties all over the country must be finally audited by Mr. McChesney. The editor of the survey also has a room on this floor.

The second and third floors are exclusively occupied by the geologists, grouped under the heads of divisions, and the offices are separated by partitions which do not reach, the ceiling thus affording excellent ventilation. The fourth floor is occupied partly by the bureau of otherlogy and partly by geographers, and on the top floor are the draughtsmen and the department of illustration. Under the latter department tration. Under the latter department there is probably the best-equipped photographic establishment in the country,

tographic establishment in the country, with cameras of every size, and with every facility for reducing maps or drawings to any size required.

The whole building is most admirably adapted to the uses of the survey, and was, in fact, finished by the owner, Mr. C. C. Willard, in accordance with the desire of Msj. Powell. The woodwork is oak, which gives all the rooms a cheerful appearance, and there is no office in which all the light desired caunot be obtained.

This geological survey has grown from a number of scattered bureaus under dif-ferent departments of the government into its present harmonious and system-atic composition within the past five years. Formerly a portion of the work was done under the direction of the chief ments of a law passed the June previous, submitted a report to congress recommending the establishment, "under the interior department, of an independent organization, to be known as the United States geological survey, to be charged with the study of the geological structure and economical resources of the public domain, such survey to be placed under a director, who shall be appointed by the President, and who shall report directly to the secretary of the interior."

The first director appointed was Mr. Clarence King, a gentleman of eminent scientific attainments, but who found the duties of executive office irksome, and retired after serving about a year.

duties of executive office irrasome, and retired after serving about a year. He was succeeded by the present director, Maj. J. W. Powell, who, in addition to his high abilities as a scientist, possesses administrative capacity in an unusual degree. He has been unremitting in his devotion to the interests of the survey. devotion to the interests of the survey, and the amount of topographic and geographic work accomplished, the extent of the geographical researches made, and the labor of the bureau of ethnology all attest the value of Maj. Powell's intelligent direction. The completeness of the organization of the survey may be shown by enumerating the several classes of work in which its various branches are engaged.
There is a topographic corps organized

into twenty-seven parties, which are scattered in various portions of the United scattered in various portions of the United States, the greater portion of whom will come in shortly, as the season for field work is rapidly drawing to a close. A geologic survey is prosecuted in the field, embracing the subjects of areal and struc-tural geology, and the corps of geologists collect fossils, minerals, ores, and rocks for further studies in the laboratories. There are three distinct corps of geologists engaged in the study of economic geology at the present time, relating to gold, silver, coppor, iron coal, and quick-silver. There are four paleontological

silver. Copper, real, coa, as a serior sellver. There are four paleontological laboratories, each with its special corps of paleontologists and a laboratory of paleontologists and a cabenical laboratory attached to the survey, with a large corps of chemists engaged in a great variety of real rules relating to the constitution of real rules relating to the constitution of real rules. minerals, ores, and rocks; a chalogic labors ary, with a large corps lithologists engaged in the microscopi citize of rocks, and a physical laboratory, with a small corps of men engaged in runn physical researches of prime im-uriance to geologic philosophy. There is in the survey a division of

illustration, organized for the purpose of proparing illustrations for paleontologic gic reports.

There is also a division of mineral sta-There is also a division of mineral sta-sites, with a large corps of men engaged statistical work, the results of which is published in an annual report en-tled "Mineral Resources."

The topographic survey of the United

In connection with the general survey, in connection with the general servey, embracing topography, general geology, and mining geology, certain great economic problems are under investigation. The most important of these relates to the irrigation of the arid portions of the United States. The second question of importance relates to the relief which will be alloyed to the lower valley of the importance reacts to the lower valley of the Mississippi by utilizing the waters that flow from the Rocky mountains in the vest and the great plates in irrigation. A third problem of great importance relates to the distribution of the forest areas

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

They Meet in National Convention and Resolve to Ask Congress to Amend the Pension Laws in Many Important Particulars.

INDIANAPOLIS Oct. 24.-The national onvention of woldlers and sailors assembled here this afternoon. The delegates present represented about 1,100 organizations. A roll of the states was called and showed delegates to be present from New York. Massachusetts, Vermont, Maine, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Ken-tucky, Indiana, Maryland, and the Dis-trict of Columbia. The following resolu-tions were read and unanimously adopted: Resolved, That we ask the following amendments to the present pension laws: I. That every person who served in the military or naval service of the United States for the period of three months during the war of the rebellion and has an homorable discharge therefrom, and showed delegates to be present from New

during the war of the rebellion and has an honorable discharge therefrom, and who is or shall become disabled, and shall also be dependent upon his own labor for support, shall be piaced upon the list of pensioners of the United States, and be entitled to receive a pension during the continuance of such disability at a rate person thousant to the degree thereof. proportionate to the degree thereof.

proportionate to the degree thereof.

2. That all widows or miner children
of soldiers and sailors who as such are
now receiving under the existing laws
the sum of \$5 per month, be entitled to
and receive the sum of \$12 per month,
and all such widows or minor children
who shall hereafter be found to be entitled
to the rate of \$5 per month under the to the rate of \$8 per month under the existing laws shall be entitled to and reeive the rate of \$10 in lien of said rate

of \$3.

3. That if any invalid pensioners have died, or shall hereafter die, leaving a widow or minor child under 3 years of age, widow or minor child under 8 years of age, in the care of such pensioners, such widows and minor children shall be entitled in the order of succession named to the original pension in their own name without being required to prove that the death of such pensioner was due to his military or naval service to the United

4. That pensions granted widows on account of minor children shall be continued without limit as to age wherever it shall appear that such minors are of unsound mind or physically help-less, so as to render them incapable of earning a subsistence.
5. That, in considering the claims of

dependent parents, the fact and cause of deat and the fact that the soldier left no widow or minor children having been shown, it shall be necessary only to show that such dependent parent is without other present means of comfortable support than his or her own manual labor.

than his or her own manual labor.

6. That in all applications where it appears that the applicant was regularly collisted and mustered into the service, that fact shall be prime facie evidence of his soundness at the time of his solistment; but such presumption shall be subject to rebuttal by the record of other competent evidence.

competent evidence.
Believing that the foregoing embraces only just and equitable demands of the veterans of the late war, and as all legislation to this end must depend upon the active co-operation of the legislature and officials of the country, we earnestly urge upon the soldiers and sailors of the war against rebellion to give their support at the polls only to such party or candidates as are and ever have been in favor of such just legislation in the interest of men who stood in defense of their country in her hour of need.

The Panama Canal. The government of the United States of Colombia has informed the Panama

Railroad company that it will not allow that company's line of railroad to be cut, changed, or damaged for the benefit of the De Lessops canal.

A Neapolitan Mystery. The following tragic story is told in the Naples journals: Signor Alfonso de Stefano, marquis of Ogliastri, lived in juinto its present harmonious and systematic composition within the past five years. Formerly a portion of the work was done under the direction of the chief engineer of the army, another portion under the commissioner of the general laud office. And then there were also two principal directors of surveys—Prof. F.V. Hayden and Maj. J. W. Powell. In November, 1878, the National Academy of Sciences, in accordance with the requirements of a law passed the June previous, submitted a report to congress recommending the establishment, "under the interior department, of an independent organization, to be known as the United States geological survey, to be charged with the study of the geological structure and economical resources of the public domain, such survey to be placed under a director, who shall be appointed by the President, and who shall report directly to the secretary of the interior." dicial separation from his wife, who went flames and carried the unhappy woman into Signor de Stefano's room. The authorities were sent for, and on arriving found Signor de Stefano also in bed complaining of severe burns. He showed his hands and legs scorched and swollen, and said that Luisa had tried to kill herself by throwing petroleum over herself and setting it on fire, and that in assisting her he had run the risk of being burned alive. Meanwhile Luisa, who was in a dying state, was interrogated by the constable. She rolated that while she was preparing the coffee her master had entered the room and inundated her with petroleum; the flames of dated her with petroleum; the flames of the coffee machine had immediately set the petroleum on fire, and she, in an agony of pain, had rushed out on to the landing. Immediately after this short recital Luisa Peccherina was transported to the Hospital of the Incurabili, where she died at dawn on Oct. 1. Signor de Stefano was taken to the Hospital Pelle-grint, where he lies guarded by police-

Don't forget to see the Blondes and Brunettes play ball to day.

LOCAL BRIEFLETS. The fund for the relief of Mrs. John H.

Fowler, widow of the policeman murdered by Langster, was yesterday handed to her, the amount being \$1,097.20. Hon. Benjamin Butterworth, Hon. Ed-ward McPherson, and Mr. G. W. DeCamp will address the Workingmen's Blaine and Logan club at Clan-na-Gael hall this evening. Music will be furnished by the Class sub-

A-meeting for the benefit of Sunday chool workers, under the auspices of the Colored Sunday School union, will be held at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon at Gaibraith chapel, where there will be excellent music and a discussion of matters of interest to Sunday schools.

Messra Willett & Ruoff have already on hand a large supply of furs of every description, which the ladies will do well to examine, Sealskin sacques and dol to examine. Sealskin sacques and dol-mans are in stock, manufactured in the very best manner, which will be sold at prices as low as they can be procured in New York. Messrs. Willett & Ruufflaye also a full line of gentlemen's hats, caues, and umbrellas.

in statistical work, the results of which are published in an annual report entitled." Mineral Resources."

The topographic survey of the United States properly commenced about the year 1870, under the four organizations that were subsequently consolidated so as to constitute the present United States properly. The work has been continued under the present organization by methods more elaborate and refined. The total area topographically surveyed.

As over the City of Sioux He rushed, still the madder he grioux, till he fell in a fit, and his soul promptly it Left his body—sans further adioux. The total still lines of parior and other furniture and carpets continued under the present organization by methods more elaborate and refined. The total area topographically surveyed.

AS OTHERS SEE THEM.

Reasonably Vigorous German-American Opinion of Carl Schurz and His Peliow Independents Expressed in Plain Language.

The following is a translation of the address ordered to be prepared at the large meeting of Germans held in New York some days ago:

York some days ago:

To the REPUBLICANS OF GREMAN
NATIONALITY: In the name of common
sense, we request our fellow countrymen
not to allow themselves to be induced by
the high-sounding phrases of moral indignation of Messrs. Schurz, Curtis, and
the like, to give up the glorious career of
the republican party for that of democracy. This would undoubtedly be the
case should you cast your votes in favor
of Cleveland. of Cleveland.

case should you east your votes in favor of Cleveland.

If you will try to strip the seductive speeches of these gentlemen of their glittering, snake-like surface you find nothing left but the principle "that the minority of a political party is snitiled—after the voting—to style itself independent," and, under cover of this word, with flying colors to desert to the enemy. In order to hide the shamefulness of this principle and of such action, these men have tried, under the war cry, "The aspect of this campaign is not political but moral," to transfer the battlearound from the field of state reasons to that of moral, from the realm of mind and intelligence to that of sentimentality, of prejudices, and of belief, upon which the weak minded, the simple, and the fool are certain to fall an easy prey to any strong-voiced or smooth-tongued josuit. We hope, however, that the shrewd sophistry of these men will be fully understood, and that, as heretofore, the people will divide on political questions only.

The war cry of the so-called independents, viz: "The character of this campaign is not of a political but of a moral nature," is so fallacious, so disastreus, so repugnant to the spirit and innate feelings of a people which respects itself, that it is difficult to belief that such well-informed men as its leaders are should have failed to notice it. They resemble in this respect these good fellows who sallied forth to travel north, but who mounted the coach going south because the driver enjoyed the reputation of being

mounted the coach going south because the driver enjoyed the reputation of being a virtuous man.

the driver enjoyed the reputation of being a virtuous man.

We are, therefore, bound to accept for granted that the above motto has been invented by the "independents" for a "bait" only, and has been thrown out in the garb of virtuous phrases to catch those belonging to certain classes of thoughtless, indifferently educated men, who are too laxy to think for themselves, and to deliver them with the other good souls, but real ignorants, to the enemy of the party, the democrats, as purchase money for a new political homestead for themselves. Now, concerning the moral in connection with politics, we have to remember that the United States, as a congiomeration of more than 50,000,000 people, represent an infinitely higher in dividuality than the single citizen. The state in its actions is, therefore, subject state in its actions is, therefore, subject to other laws than the single citizen. If for the latter the moral, i. e., "the con-formity of his actions with his personal convictions" is binding, but if such a personal convicting cannot exist with reference to the state, then that moral cannot exist for the state.

cannot exist for the state.

The average intelligence of a given period in history takes the place of personal conditions, as moral basis of the actions, in life of republics. The best exponent of this average intelligence, as decided by the vote of the majority, will consequently be the most suitable man at the wheel of state.

It is the intelligence of a state.

It is the intelligence, and not the moral, which engenders the development of the nations.

With regard to the candidate of the republican party, Mr. Blaine, against whom all the moral humbug of the "independents" is directed, we dare say, he is indeed "tattooed"—tattooed with the defects of mankind, as other people are; but he is at the same time tattooed with a power of mind and intelligence which, by its ponderous weight, sends the scale by its ponderous weight, sends the scale of defects high up in the air, and which enables him pre-eminently to lead the

ing times.

Vote, therefore, for the victory of the old party, the party of progress, by cast-ing your vote for its candidate, Mr. James G. Blaino. NEW YORK, October, 1884.

A Mosquito's Armament. Limdon Sportsman. Under a microscope the bill of a mos-

quito contains no fewer than five distinct surgical instruments. These are described as a lance, two neat saws, a suc-tion pump, and a small Corliss engine. It appears that when a "skoeter" settles down to his work upon a nice tender por-tion of the human frame the lance is first tion of the human frame the lance is first pushed into the flesh, then the two saws, placed back to back, begin to work up and down to enlarge the hole, then the pump is inserted, and the victim's blood is siphoned up to the reservoirs carried behind, and, finally, to complete the performance, the wretch drops a quantity of poison into the wound to keep it irritated. Then the diminutive flend takes a fly around just to digest your gore, and makes tracks for a fresh victim, or if the first has been of unusually good quality he returns to the same happy hunting ground. The mosquito's marvelous enground. The mosquito's marvelous en-ergy, combined with his portable opera-ting chest, makes him at once a terror and a pest.

An Imperial Palace at Strasburg.

The emperor of Germany is to go to The emperor of Germany is to go to Strasburg from Baden-Baden on Sunday. Oct. 19, to preside at the opening of the new buildings of the university. A magnificent imperial palace is being built at Strasburg with all speed. It is to be in the style of the Florentine Renaissance, covers an area of 12,000 square meters, and will be surrounded by terrace gardens on three sides. The palace is to be completed by January, 1887, and its cost is estimated at £250,000. It is intended that the Prince and Princess William of Hohenzollern shall reside in Strasburg for some months in each year as soon as the palace is finished.

A Georgia Wife's Bargain.

The Athens Banner tells how a man's wife made a trade with him and thus wife made a trade with him and thus gave that section a good preacher. It says he "went to preaching just to keep out of the war, and after the war was over he had got to be such a good one he kept on. His wife was a Baptist and he was a Methodist, and she told him if he would go to preaching and keep out of the war that she would join the Methodist church. The trade was made, and since that time he has been a big Methodist preacher."

You have heard of the City of Sloux-The loveliest ever you knoiux—
And the following tale,
1 am sure, cannot fail
To be read with emotion by yioux.

To this bustling young City of Sloux, Came a scion of Albion trioux; When the name was pronounced In his hearing, he flowneed, And at once in a passion he filoux,

"Now tell-me, O people of Sioux," He shouted, "What can a man dloux?

Ah 'tis spelled, so we say it, And that is the way it. Should be!" And he blustered and blioux.

That man raised a hullabullioux. With madness enraged, Like tiger uncaged, And fell upon Gentile and Jioux. As over the City of Slouz

And all through the City of Sloux,

JAMES GORDON BENNETT. How The New York "Herald" Pro-

prictor Lived When in Paris.

Ballard Smith in Detroit Times.

coming to a decision.

"Smith," said he, cycing the gorgeousness of my attire with a skilled and critical eye, "I have a faint recollection of inviting you to breakfast with me this

Forgot the Main Feature.

hat. "Don't remember that I ever saw you

"I am Hank Parsons!" exclaimed the

"I am Hank Parsons!" exclaimed the man, bracing himself as though he expected the major to rush into his arms. "Don't recall the name," said the major. "Is it possible? I did not think you would ever forget me. I'll refresh your memory. At Shiloh, while the battle was raging with murderous fury, I found you lying on the field shot through both legs. I took you on my back and carried you

took you on my back and carried you to a spring in the shade. Now don't you recollect me?"

"Let me see," mused the major. "I remember having been wounded; but I can't recall the fact, if it be a fact, of

A Thunderbolt Lets Daylight in on

an Old Tragedy.

During the recent thunder storm in

Shasta county an incident occurred which

may throw some light on what must have

been a mysterious murder. While the storm was at its beight a large oak tree

was still standing. An examination of

National Questions.

"You are in favor of extending American commerce, I suppose?"
"Yes, sirse; but I'd veto any bill to
lower toils on the Eric canal."
"Do you think American manufactures

need protection?"
"Well, I don't know about that. Seems

to me most of 'em are protty well insured now, but still I don't mind signing bills for new fire companies if the people want

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Found Out What It Meant.

One of the princes of good cheer in

Norwich who is not perfectly familiar with all the abbreviations and initials

used by the altogether quite too-too, received from a friend the other day an in-

ceived from a triend the other day an invitation to a reception, in the corner of
which were the letters R. S. V. P.

"H-m-m," said he to himself, as he
meditatively repeated the initials, "R-S

-V-P. I know what C. O. D. means,
but l'Il be blamed if I know what R. S.
V. P. means."

"Why," said a friend who observed his
perchevits, "that means Ram Savved Vary

perplexity, "that means Rum Served Very Pientifully." "I'll go!" said the other decidedly.

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tariff, Mr. Cleveland ?"

Cleveland. "The tar what?"

"The tariff-t-a-r-i-f-f."

Butte Rec

approached.
"Is this Maj. Dodridge?"

"Shortly after my arrival in Paris I

A Surgestion to Mr. S. W. Oyster.
To the Engler.
Sth: Mr. Oyster has some suggestions to
make to me in this morning's Fost. I have
carefully considered them, and this is my

uswer:
1. Mr. Oyster "suggests" a deliberate false 1000 when he asserts that "the twenty-nine was flattered by receiving a note from the hood when he amerts that "the twenty-nine employes of the government printing office a signed a paper to withdraw from Columbia Typographical Union No. 101, become they could not have a faste a flains and Logas class." He knows that the noble twenty-nine cherical there are als times twenty-nine cherical there are als times twenty-nine cherical that paper because, being a large inapority of the union at a special meeting, they were deprived by violence, and fraud on the part of its officers, of the right to protest against the action of the International union and union No. 6, which had for months made Columbia union and ber 230 sisters virtually Cleveland and Hendricks clubs. He knows that an overwhelming majority of our union is millionaire journalist, in which he invited me to honor him by breakfasting with him in his elegant bachelor spartments. You may be reasonably certain that I immediately set about making elaborate preparations to honor the old boy with a capital H. If he was pining for my society it would ill become a man for my society it would ill become a man with my generous impulses to allow the trouble to become chronic. Weil, I called at his elegant bachelor apartments. James Gordon Bennett was there. So was a fascinating Parisian female who had not praviously been honored with my acquaintance. Decked out in my holiday attire I presented a very protty and fascinating spectacle, but I wasn't a bewitching Parisian female. As between the charms of my society and those of the beautiful unknown a man possessed of Mr. Beanett's fine sense of discrimination could not be expected to consume very much of the time which is money in coming to a decision.

an opposed to one politics of any strine in the opposed to one politics of any strine in the supposed of the dirty denderated sort engineered by Mr. Oyster, and his contemptible address and abettors.

2. As to your suseer, Mr. Oyster, at my attempt at "dictatorship of the workingmen of America," that is worthy of you. For your edification and that of your little junta of cowardly defamers, I extract these sensences from a private letter to me by Mannis J. Geary, president on Typographical union, No. 6: "If you think I sm Indifferent or forgetful of the salawart efforts you have made in behalf of No. 6, then you have nade in behalf of No. 6, then you have not into my continue the latest of the politics of the salawart efforts you have been another.

2. * I may man has done some to close the breach between the printers and Jeans G. Blainemo, I will not say Haine, but Whitelaw Reid—I would like to grasp his hand." And during the very days I was doing in New York what the president of No. 6 thus describes unind, J do not say it, you and your cowardly kuklux gang were hunting up here all sorts of slanders and lies, and pouring them line Mr. Geary and the "boyootting committee" of No. 6 to destroy my usefulness there. Thank God, you and they did not succeed, and to-duy I possess no wariner or more grateful friends any where than among the boyootters of No. 6, although we are as wide apart as the poles in politics. They will give me a certificate as to my faithfulness as a union workingman. Apply to them, Mr. Oyster.

2. You speak of "the frantic and ridiculous efforts" I am making to obtain the position of "chief of the bureau of labor statisties." That is another staiwart falschood of yours first coined by Whitelaw Reid. Mr. Oyster, in an ot and never have been an applicant for that position. There is not and never has been a scrap of paper in existence showing me to be always and the sixteen Federation of Labor conspirators and their associates.

5. "He (Brock) believes that every printer should be weeded out of th morning."
"Yes, sir," said I, "I received a note from you, by the terms of which I was so honored."

from yon, by the terms of which I was so honored."

"Sorry, Smith," he replied, "out I am really afraid we will have to call it dinner instead. Since penning that note the course of human events has changed. You will find my carriage at the door." Mr. Bennett continued, "the driver of which will transport you to the cafe which I frequently patronize. You will breakfast there and return here to dine with me this evening."

The glance which Mr. Bennett cast in the direction of the door at this juncture may have been purely meditative, but I deemed it prudent to go out into the hall and see what had attracted his attention. I forgot to return at that particular time. I forgot to return at that particular time. The other day, while Maj. Dodridge was sitting in his dooryard, the gate opened and a strange-looking man hastily

"Is this Maj. Dodridge?"

"Yes, sir."

"Of the 8th Arkansas during the war?"

"Yes." beginning to look with interest at the stranger.

"Don't remember me, major?"

"No, I can't place you."

"Take a look a me," shoving back his

can't recall the fact, if it be a fact, of any one taking me to a spring."

"This is indeed strange," said the disappointed man. "I looked forward to meeting you with such anticipations of a warm greeting. Well, well, the world has indeed reached its ungrateful age. The occurrence is as fresh to my mind as though it had taken place yesterday. I gave you a drink of whisky and—"

"What" exclaimed the major, springing to his feet. "Gave me a drink of whisky! Oh, yes, I remember now," seizing the man's hand. "Oh, I'll never forget that drink! The whisky was so new that corn ineal was floating round in it, but we enjoyed it. Remember you Why, I should cavort. Why didn't you goard against possible embarrassments by mentioning some of the main features of the occurrence?"

A Thunderboit Lets Daylight in on

In Formosa there is not much sickness, but when a man is ill they string him up by the neck and let him down again quickly. This generally kills or cures him, and if the former his death is celebrated by a general spree. At 21 a young man is provided with a wife, but until the age of 40 he must not visit her overly. He may does steathly because her openly. He may do so stealthily, however, and if he doesn't like her he can get a divorce in about ten minutes. A man often marries four of five times a year. No children born before the mother has reached 37 are in any case permitted to live.

storm was at its height a large oak tree on the ranche of George Thomas, three miles from Redding, was struck by light-ning and split completely in two narts, one side falling to the ground while the other remained standing. Mr. Thomas, going to the field the next day, noticed the condition of the tree, and on reaching the place discovered the remains of a skeleton in the portion of the tree that was still standing. An examination of CALL AND EXAMINE NICOLL The Tailor's

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